Standard German

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1 Overview

Language family:	Indo-European (Germanic)
Countries:	Germany, Austria, Switzerland
Number of speakers:	90-105 million
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with "and"

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

2nd conjunct 1st conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

(1) Der   Junge und der   Mann   rennen.
     the.SG boy.SG and the.SG man.SG run.3PL
     'The boy and the man run.'

(2) a. Die   Jungs und der   Mann   rennen.
         the.PL boy.PL and the.SG man.SG run.3PL
         'The boys and the man run.'
     b. Der   Junge und die   Männer rennen.
         the.SG boy.SG and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
         'The boy and the men run.'

(3) Die   Jungs und die   Männer rennen.
     the.PL boy.PL and the.PL man.PL run.3PL
     'The boys and the men run.'

2.2 Coordination with "or"

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

2nd conjunct 1st conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

(4) Der   Junge oder der   Mann   rennen.
     the.SG boy.SG or   the.SG man.SG run.3PL
     'The boy or the man run.'

(5) a. Die   Jungs oder der   Mann   rennen.
         the.PL boy.PL or   the.SG man.SG run.3PL
         'The boys or the man run.'
     b. Der   Junge oder die   Männer rennen.
         the.SG boy.SG or   the.PL man.PL run.3PL
         'The boy or the men run.'

(6)   Die   Jungs oder die   Männer rennen.
           the.PL boy.PL or   the.PL man.PL run.3PL
           'The boys or the men run.'

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with "and"

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases person is resolved to 1st/3rd person plural. (Note: 1st and 3rd person plural are syncretic.)

2nd conjunct 1st conjunct	1	2	3
1		1/3pl	1/3pl
2	1/3pl		
3	1/3pl		

Examples:

(7)   a.   Du und ich rennen.
             you and I   run.1/3PL
             'You and I run.'
     b.   Ich und du   rennen.
             I   and you run.1/3PL
             'I and you run.'

(8)   a.   Wir und die   rennen.
             we   and they run.1/3PL
             'We and they run.'
     b.   Die und wir rennen.
             they and we run.1/3PL
             'They and we run.'

3.2 Coordination with "or"

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: In all cases person is resolved to 1st/3rd person plural. (Note: 1st and 3rd person plural are syncretic.)

2nd conjunct 1st conjunct	1	2	3
1		1/3pl	1/3pl
2	1/3pl		
3	1/3pl		

Examples:

(9)   a.   Du oder ich rennen.
             you or   I   run.1/3PL
             'You or I run.'

b. Ich oder du rennen.
I or you run.1/3PL
'I or you run.'

(10) a. Wir oder die rennen.
we or they run.1/3PL
'We or they run.'

b. Die oder wir rennen.
they or we run.1/3PL
'They or we run.'